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TO: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	RE: Application No. 10/813,381 Filed: March 30, 2004
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MESSAGE

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Reply to Requirement for Restriction

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In re the Application of : Confirmation No. 4714
Jean-Marie BADOZ : Group Art Unit 3726
Application No. 10/813,381 : Examiner: Marc Jimenez
Filed: March 30, 2004 : (571) 272-4530
For a Patent for a :
METHOD FOR MAKING A
ROOT CANAL INSTRUMENT : October 17, 2006

REPLY TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Reply is filed responsive to the Office Action which was mailed in this matter on September 21, 2006, and which requires restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of the following two groupings of claims:

Group I - claims 1 to 6, 9 to 13 and 16 to 20, drawn to a method for manufacturing a canal instrument; and

Group II - claims 7, 8, 14 and 15, drawn to a canal instrument.

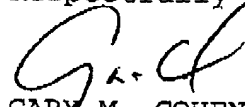
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In reply, applicant elects the subject matter of Group I (claims 1 to 6, 9 to 13 and 16 to 20), without traverse and subject to applicant's right to pursue the non-elected subject matter of Group II (claims 7, 8, 14 and 15) in a divisional application.

It has been noted that the Office Action of September 21, 2006, makes no reference to claims 21 and 22, which are pending in this patent application. Because claims 21 and 22 are drawn to a canal instrument, it has been assumed that these claims would have been grouped with the claims of Group II, and that these claims would therefore constitute non-elected subject matter.

An early and favorable examination of the elected subject matter is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

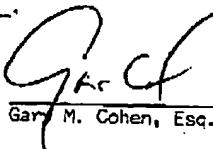


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